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WANG Bicheng
April 1979

(U) NAME: WANG Bicheng (WANG Pi-cheng)
(3769/1801/2052) (pronounced wahng), Army.
Wang was a Lieutenant General when ranks
were abolished in 1965.

(U) POSITION: Commander, Wuhan Military
Region since January 1979; Member, Chinese
Communist Party Central Committee since
August 1973.

~~(C)~~ SIGNIFICANCE: Wang was transferred from
Kunming Military Region and Yang Dezhi assumed
command of Chinese forces operating from Kunming Military Region during
the February 1979 incursion into Vietnam. Wuhan Military Region is one
of the country's most important logistics bases and the site of the
strategic reserve forces. Wang's assignment will improve his insight
into China's resupply and reinforcement capabilities.

(U) POLITICS:

(U) Wang has never taken an active role in party affairs. His
appointments have been based on his military expertise. He has served
under Military Commission Member Su Yu, Guangzhou Military Region
Commander Xu Shiyu, and Kunming Military Region Commander Yang Dezhi,
all of whom are influential in military affairs.

(U) Wang served with the Chinese People's Volunteer Army during the
Korean War.

(U) PERSONAL DATA: Wang was born in 1912, in Hunan Province. He is
reported to be a very competent field commander. Wang was awarded the
Medal of Independence and Freedom and the Medal of Liberation, both First
Class and both awarded in September 1955.

(U) CAREER:

- 1933 - Joined Red Army and promoted to division commander.
- 1938-1940 - Battalion commander and then deputy commander, 2d
Regiment, 1st Detachment, New 4th Army (Commander:
Chen_Yi), 1938. Promoted Commander, 2d Regiment.

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- 1941-1946 - Commander, 2d Brigade, 1st Division (Commander: Su Yu), New 4th Army (Commander: Chen Yi), 1941. Commander, 16th Brigade, 6th Division, New 4th Army. Commanded the 2d and 3d Military Subdistricts, Jiangsu-Zhejiang Military District.
- 1946-1948 - Commander, 6th Division, New 4th Army (redesignated East China People's Liberation Army, 1947 (Commander: Chen Yi), and in 1949, renamed 3d Field Army (Commander: Chen Yi). Commander, 6th Column, East China People's Liberation Army, 1948.
- 1949-1951 - Deputy commander, 7th Army Group (Commander: Wang Jjianan), 3d Field Army; concurrently commander, 24th Army, 7th Army Group, 3d Field Army and deputy commander, Zhejiang Military District, 1949. Commander, 8th Army Group, 3d Field Army and commander, Zhejiang Military District, 1951. Member, Zhejiang Province People's Government, 1951.
- 1952-1954 - Deputy commander, 9th Army Group, Chinese People's Volunteer Army in Korea, 1952. Commander, 9th Army Group, Chinese People's Volunteer Army, 1953. After ceasefire became deputy commander, Chinese People's Volunteer Army (Commander: Yang Dezhi).
- 1954-1960 - Commander, Shanghai Garrison, 1954. Deputy to 1st National People's Congress, 1954. Received rank of Lt Gen, 1955. Member, Shanghai Municipal Party Committee, 1957.
- 1961-1970 - Deputy commander, Nanjing Military Region (Commander: Xu Shiyu), 1961. Concurrently commander, Nanjing Garrison Forces. Elected delegate, People's Liberation Army, 3d National People's Congress, 1964.
- 1970-1971 - 1st deputy commander, Kunming Military Region, 1970. Commander, Kunming Military Region; concurrently 2d Secretary Yunnan Provincial Party Committee and 1st Vice Chairman Yunnan Provincial Revolutionary Committee, 1971.
- 1973 to Present - Member, 10th Chinese Communist Party Central Committee, 1973. Member, 11th Chinese Communist Party Committee, 1977. Commander, Wuhan Military Region, Jan 1979.

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